



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2004-2005

March 15, 2011

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Re: Applicant Name: THE MILL
Billed Entity Number: 222792
Form 471 Application Number: 416090
Funding Request Number(s): 1143882
Your Correspondence Dated: January 17, 2011

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2004 Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1143882
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that funds were improperly disbursed on this funding request. The record shows that during the course of a review it was determined that The Mill (the School) did not pay the entire non-discounted portion. The service provider acted improperly by providing donations to the school which in effect was payment of the applicant's discounted portion. The entire non-discounted portion is \$2,040.00 and the applicant paid \$0. FCC rules require applicants to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products or services purchased with universal service discounts. Applicants that do not pay the non-discount portion more than 90 days after completion of services have violated this rule. Consequently, the program rules have been violated. Since the applicant paid \$0 of the non-discounted portion, they are only eligible to receive a discount of \$0 (\$0/1-90%). Accordingly, USAC sought recovery of the disbursed funds totaling \$17,564.00, which was improperly disbursed, from both the



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I received your correspondence dated March 15th, today, and I am very confused and upset. I sent prior correspondence to you dated January 17 and February 15 requesting an appeal because we had performed all the work necessary and I was not sure why you thought the work was not done. Subsequently, I received a letter from you indicating that our appeal was being researched and I would be contacted shortly.

I did receive a call from a person claiming he was a representative from your organization. I explained to him that we had done all the work for the Mill and he asked if the Mill paid us. I informed that they did pay us and provided him over the telephone with check information. He did say it would be helpful to provide check a copy of the check both front and back.. I told him that would be difficult because a copy of the front of the check was at the storage warehouse and I would have to find it. He never said this was mandatory nor did I ever receive any correspondence from him asking for a copy of this check.

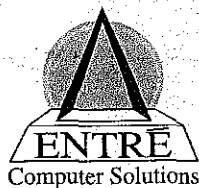
As I told you representative the Mill did pay us on that invoice \$\$2,835.60 and it was check number 17936. This check was deposited on February 5, 2005. If necessary I can obtain a copy of the check, however I will have to go to the warehouse find out who the Bank was where the check was issued and try to obtain a check from them. I can not retrieve this information from the Mill as they have gone out of business.

However until I hear from you I am not going to go through this effort. I also want you to know that your representative has done your organization a disservice by not telling me I had to provide you with a cancelled check both front and back, even after I had provided him with check information. I find your organization very shady at this point and look forward to someone contacting me, to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

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